COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

BUDGET SESSION OF 1102.

Wednesday, the $\frac{\text{11th of Karkadagam 1102.}}{\text{27th of July 1927.}}$

The third meeting of the budget session began in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, on Wednesday, the 11th of Karkadagam 1102, corresponding to the 27th of July 1927, the Diwan occupying the Chair. All the Members except Messrs. Lonappan Chakkola, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, K. Krishna Menon, Poulo Mampilli, P. Munda Vaidyan, J. T. Murray and C. A. Ouseph, were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The Depressed Classes Advisory Committee.

32. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have read the notification issued by the Government of Madras appointing a Depressed Classes Advisory Committee; and, if the answer is in the negative,

(b) whether the Government will refer to the *Hindu* (Madras) of 9th May 1927, in which this notification is published;

(c) whether there is any such Depressed Classes Advisory Committee created in our State by the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) No answer is necessary.

(c) No.

Grants to Reading Rooms.

33. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any rule, principle or standard is followed by the Government in giving grants to Reading Rooms; and, if so, what is it;

(b) whether the population of the village in which the Reading Room is situated is taken into consideration in giving grants; and, if so, what is the population of the villages in which

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